

For Immediate Release

ATLANTA (GA) – The Babies Can't Wait (BCW) Program is Georgia's statewide early intervention system for infants and toddlers with special needs, age birth to three, and their families. The Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) is the lead agency for administration of the BCW system. As required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C section 34 CFR §§303.110-303.113, "the State must publish its Part C application or policy in a manner that will ensure circulation throughout the State at least 60-days prior to the date on which the application or policy is submitted and allow an opportunity for public comments on the application or policy for at least 30 days during that 60-day publication period. In order to meet this requirement, BCW invites interested persons to participate in a **60-day public comment period** for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2015 Annual State Application under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Fiscal Policies. The public may review the grant application and revised policy online (<http://dph.georgia.gov>) or at locations throughout the state and comment in four ways:

(1) Written comments will be received until April 7, 2015 :

Babies Can't Wait
2 Peachtree Street NW, Suite 11-204
Atlanta, GA 30303-13422

(2) Email comments will be received until April 7, 2015 :

DPH-MCHDO@dph.ga.gov (Subject line: Part C or Public Comment)

(3) Facsimile comments will be received until April 7, 2015 :

State BCW Office Fax: (404-657-2763)

(4) In Person verbal comments at a Public Hearing

DPH invites interested persons to attend Public Hearings and present public comments. To allow an opportunity for all to be heard, comments will be limited to five minutes. Written, email and facsimile comments will be received until April 7, 2015. **Please send all comments to the attention of Cynthia Bryant, Part C Coordinator.**

Please address any questions regarding the public comment period and public hearings to the local BCW contact listed at the top of the page.



More information about Georgia's BCW early intervention program is available at (<http://dph.georgia.gov>).

Dates and Locations for Public Hearings:

District	Date/Time	Location	BCW Contact
Gainesville (2)	March 10, 2015 4:30 PM-6:30 PM	Gainesville Health District 440 Prior Street, SE Gainesville, GA 30501 (770) 531-4053	Patricia (Dru) Thomas Early Intervention Coordinator (770) 531-4053 Dru.Thomas@dph.ga.gov
Clayton (3-3)	March 10, 2015 4:30 PM-6:30 PM	Clayton County Library 865 Battle Creek Road Jonesboro, GA 30236 770-473-3850	Nicole Wilson Early Intervention Coordinator (678) 610-7252 Nicole.Wilson@dph.ga.gov
Columbus (7)	March 12, 2015 4:30 PM-6:30 PM	The Health and Human Services Building 2100 Comer Avenue Columbus, Ga. 31902 (706) 327-0645 (800) 527-7344	Tori Endres Early Intervention Coordinator (706) 321-6136 Tori.Endres@dph.ga.gov
Waycross (9-2)	March 10, 2015 4:00 PM-6:00 PM	Waycross Health District C.N.N. Building 1057 Grove Avenue Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 284-2552	Tracy Weeden Early Intervention Coordinator (912) 284-2552 Tracy.Weeden@dph.ga.gov